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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

THE LOADED DICE

The extent to which the dice are loaded against labor in the daily press is realized by few except those who make a persistent study of it.

Take the headlines in the New York Times, one of the fairest papers in the country in the headlining and reporting of news. On the first page of that paper's issue of August 6 there was a 2-column headline proclaiming "Senators Say Hoffa Paid 3 Million to Chicago Gang." The story, continued to page 17, carried there another 2-column headline: "Senate Unit Charges Hoffa Paid 3 Million to Chicago Gangsters."

Now, while part of the said story dealt with allegedly crooked dealings by Hoffa, a considerable part of it told of the drastic criticism of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Company, a huge chain of supermarkets, made by the McClellan Committee which was criticizing Hoffa. Yet not a glimpse of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Company—a great advertiser, too, by the way!—in the Times headlines.

It was the same way when Sears was denounced by the McClellan Committee months ago—the name of Shefferman, the intermediary, was featured in the Times headlines and in the headlines of other dailies, but NOT the name of Sears.

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NO GRAVY HEADLINE!

In the story of August 6 in the Times the McClellan Committee flatly charged that it had evidence that the Great Atlantic & Pacific Company entered into a conspiracy with an official of the Meatcutters to compel 10,000 of the company's employees in the New York City area to join the Meatcutters "under a 45-hour week contract as compared with the 44-hour week demanded by other unions," as the Times reported it.

Lot of gravy for the company, that extra hour for some years! But no headlines please, when the company's face is found to be smeared with the gravy!

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THE HEADLINES WON!

Headline tactics of the New York Times and other dailies in the United States had a lot to do with passage through the House last week of the infamous Ike - NAM - Dixiecrat Landrum-Griffin bill.

Sears and the Great Atlantic & Pacific can sit back and smile.

SOME LOCAL RADIO station, as the result of a motion by Robert Rivers of CWA, will be asked by Central Labor Secretary Robert S. Ash, to run the tape of a Labor Day talk by Geo. Meany.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

'Killer' bill shows COPE picnic \$ need!

The passage by the House last week of the "killer" Landrum-Griffin bill against labor was cited this week at the Central Labor Council meeting as emphatic proof of the urgent need for a large ticket sale for the COPE picnic Saturday, September 12.

Proceeds from the picnic are one of the few possible sources, under the Taft-Hartley Act, for money which unions can use in Federal election campaigns.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said that the terms of the "killer" bill which passed the House under the guise of "labor reform" are so harsh that in the future it may be impossible to use even voluntarily contributed individual amounts, such as

when a \$1 picnic ticket is bought, in union political campaigns.

"And there's every indication," said Ash, "that Congressmen like George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan, who stood firm against the Landrum-Griffin bill, are going to be marked for defeat by the reactionaries in the 1960 election. Now's the time, and the COPE picnic's the place, to raise money to turn the reactionaries back, and reelect men like Miller and Cohelan in 1960."

The picnic will be held in the Tommy Roberts Area of Regional Park. Those buying the dollar ticket, which admits buyer and family, participate in opportunities for many amusements and awards.

The U.S. Senate Monday sent

the House and Senate widely variant bills to conference with the House on motion of Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, blocking a Republican move to have the Senate voted on accepting the House measure without a conference.

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO News Service)—The big business-Eisenhower Administration drive for a "killer" labor "reform" bill reached its climax when the House of Representatives voted for the Landrum-Griffin bill with stringent anti-picketing, anti-boycott and "states' rights" provisions.

The 229 to 201 rollcall vote approving the harsh anti-labor measure came after the House

beat the labor-backed Shelley bill and substituted the Landrum-Griffin bill for the Labor Committee's Elliott bill, which had support of the House Democratic leadership.

Voting for the bill were 134 Republicans and 95 Democrats, all but three of the latter from Southern and border states.

Against it were 184 Democrats and 17 Republicans.

(Note—The 229-201 vote cited was the crucial vote. Later more Congressmen climbed on the reactionary bandwagon for the final formal action.

The "killer" tag was hung on the Landrum-Griffin bill by Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R-Ind.), one of its chief backers, who was

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Meany aid asked in Pabco strike problem

On motion of William Stumpf of the Steelworkers the Central Labor Council this week voted to ask AFLCIO President George Meany to confer with general officers of the Pulp & Sulphite Workers on indications that members of a local of that union wished to cross the picket

PABCO PROBLEM SPECIAL CLC SUBJECT AUGUST 24!

A special order of business at the Central Labor Council meeting Monday, August 24, will be discussion of the Pabco picket line of Steel Machinists 1304. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said in announcing this:

"One union has gone through the picket line, and others are threatening to go through."

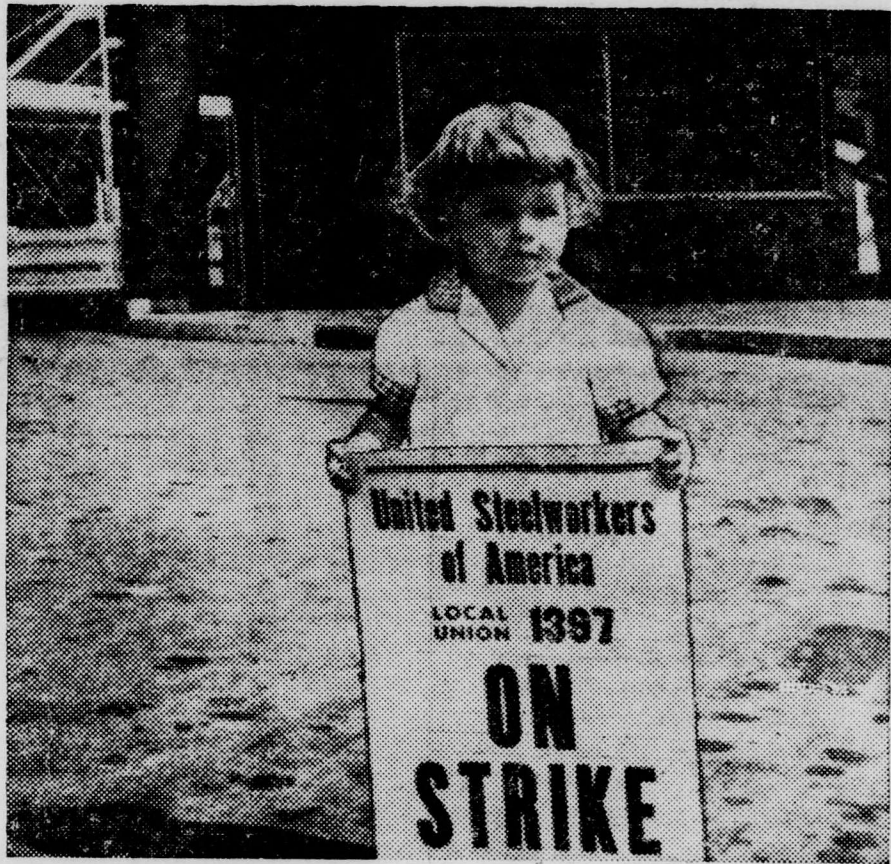
line of Steel Machinists 1304 at the Pabco plant in Emeryville.

Joe Angelo of the Steelworkers, newly returned from harrowing negotiations with the "no inflation" steel profiteers, jumped into the Pabco discussion with great vigor. He said this was not a strike for wages and conditions, but for survival, since the company had handed the work of the union members over to a maintenance company.

Angelo, William Zubiate of Paint Makers 1101, and Lloyd Ferber of the striking union, sounded urgent warning that if other unions stood by and let the Pabco Company's precedent stand unbeaten, similar steps could with impunity be taken by any anti-union corporation against any union.

All reports were that the pickets are faithfully present daily outside the plant. Angelo thanked affected unions for observing the picket line, and remarked: "The only way to win a strike is to stop production."

(See page 4 for report on situation by Dave Arca, recording secretary of Local 1304, in that union's column.)



CHILDREN LIKE THIS, whose fathers, members of Steelworkers 5192, are on strike against the Visking Company here, need some cash help from other unions in the East Bay. Some unions have already contributed. More help is needed. The 4-year-old in the picture is Ellen Smalley, spelling her dad on the picket line at a big steel plant in Homestead, Pennsylvania. (See page 3: "Joe Angelo tells of steel magnates' zero-minus offer.")

BTC announces its policy on Pabco by adopting resolution

The Building Trades Council at this week's meeting adopted unanimously without discussion the following resolution, which had been discussed earlier in the day for three hours by the Board of Business Agents:

"WHEREAS the Building Trades have historically recognized and upheld the right of Industrial Plants to contract out work within the craft jurisdiction of the Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Department, and

"WHEREAS the Fluor Maintenance Corporation has a contract with Pabco to do work falling within the work jurisdiction of the Building Trades, and

"WHEREAS the Fluor Maintenance Corporation is signed to an International Agreement with the International Unions cover-

ing the maintenance work at the Pabco Plant, and

"WHEREAS the Local Unions have received instructions from their Internationals to abide by the terms of this Agreement, and now, therefore

"THE LOCALS will dispatch men to the Pabco Plant upon request from the Fluor Maintenance Corporation under the terms of the International Agreement."

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers told the delegates in his regular report to them that not only had the resolution been discussed for three hours by the Board of Business Agents that morning, Tuesday, but that during the recent convention in San Diego the matter had been talked over thoroughly.

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Beware of red 'helpers' in Un-Am Battle!

The Central Labor Council has made clear its stand against the unfair practices of the House Un-American Activities Committee in general, and in particular against the reputation-damaging headline-hunting tactics of that committee in the impending hearing, twice deferred, on California teachers.

But the Central Labor Council advises all affiliated unions to beware of efforts made by Communist or fellow-traveling outfits to act as though they are accepted allies of the Central Labor Council, or to solicit money purportedly to aid the affected teachers, or to have specific teachers given approval.

This was the stand taken by the Central Labor Council this week after Secretary Robert S. Ash reported and made a recommendation.

Ash reminded the delegates that when the Un-American Activities Committee some years ago permitted an ex-Commie to make preposterous charges against the council, Congressman Velde, then chairman of the committee, never even answered requests from the council to have an opportunity to refute the slanders. The House committee is now headed by Congressman Walter.

The CLC executive secretary told of being invited to speak before one Berkeley group on the recent protest of the council against the House committee's methods in the case of teachers, and of some of the obvious efforts made by this group to link him with persons with whom labor wishes to have nothing to do.

Ash then told of his and others' finally successful efforts to get a good civil liberties policy statement adopted by the recent convention of the California Labor Federation, but said his efforts were almost stymied by the antics and frantics of one person, now a teacher, who was some years ago expelled from a local union as a Communist.

HOW TO BUY

Repairmen rap paper in shoes

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

If you've been buying low-priced shoes for your children or yourself, as many working families tend to do in this period of rising shoe prices, there's a strong possibility such shoes have paper "insides" or contain other short-lived materials.

You can expect such shoes to wear out quickly, especially if they get soaked, as often happens with children's shoes, and also be almost impossible to repair.

Wilbur Gardner, a Medford, Oregon shoe repairman has been conducting a one-man campaign against shoes sold without notice to consumers that they are made with substitute materials. His campaign has won national attention. Now a bill has been introduced into Congress by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D., Ore.) which would require manufacturers to put labels on shoes stating what materials they contain.

Sometimes inexpensive shoes may be good enough for some style or costume purpose. But under the proposed law, at least you would know if you were getting pressed paperboard or other short-lived materials covered by a surface of leather or sometimes just dyed and finished to look like leather. You also would be able to guard against paying more than necessary for inexpensively made shoes.

Already, close to a million people have signed petitions distributed by Gardner and other shoe repairmen, urging Congress to enact a shoe-label law, just as wool and rayon fabrics, and soon all fabrics, must be labeled to show their exact fiber content.

Gardner says he has found as much as 40 percent of children's and women's shoes are made with short-lived fillers such as

pressed paper. Men's shoes are generally better made and are little or no problem. But in women's shoes, quality is often sacrificed for the sake of style at a low price, and inexpensively-made children's shoes are a particular headache. Mothers bring these in for repair and often are told the shoes can't be repaired because of excessive use of fillers. Heels made with pressed-paper filler even may fall apart from heavy wear, especially if they get wet.

Shoes made with wood shanks sometimes are a problem too. The shank is that section of the sole between the heel and the ball. Gardner's experience is that active children often crack wood shanks when jumping or running. In general, repair experts consider shoes made with steel shanks preferable.

The dilemma is that under present conditions, you can't always tell what's under the leather surface. If paper filler is used, it is generally underneath the outer sole, in the heel counter, or under the heel, where it can't be detected, or in the inside lining where it can be detected only if examined closely. Sometimes plastic insoles are used in inexpensively-made shoes. Repairmen say these don't wear as well as leather, but are better than paper.

Nor is price always a reliable clue to construction, Gardner says. He has found some low-priced shoes better made than higher-priced ones. He argues that the only accurate guide to consumers would be labels specifying the materials used.

Shoe manufacturers are opposing the proposed labels and argue that they could be misleading because two shoes both labeled all leather might be quite different in quality.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

LIFE INSURANCE Institute, to which more than 90 percent of the business involved contributes in order to have published seemingly impersonal and authoritative data on its commodity, says that 4 to 5 percent of a family's income spent annually on life insurance gives that family the absolute minimum coverage needed; 6 to 7 percent gives it a fair amount of protection; and 8 to 10 percent gives it really good protection.

Of course, the "institute" has an ax to grind, but it does seem sensible to consider not only life insurance, but other fundamentally important items in terms of percentages of income, instead of just drifting blindly.

IF A FAMILY relies on the income of one breadwinner, says the "institute," then the other adult, usually the wife, should ask herself this question: "Will the insurance money last long enough for her to train or retrain herself for a career to support the family?"

That is a good question, as they always say in TV discussions.

The "institute" points out that this training or retraining usually requires two or three years, and that even after the mother has begun to work, her earnings, usually modest, must be supplemented while the youngsters are growing up.

SO THE BUSINESS, the life insurance business, is trying to interest women in "re-examining their expenditures."

If they do so re-examine them, says the "institute" propaganda, they "may find some unnecessary outlays and others that could be minimized. Excessive entertainment or expensive restaurant dining are two possibilities."

SALES ARGUMENT, of course. "Cut out buying the other fellow's stuff, so you can buy ours." But it's a shrewd sales pitch, at that!

COPE women are feted

More than 150 union wives and women members who volunteered 100 or more hours during last year's political campaign have been honored at a dinner given by the Ohio AFLCIO Women's Activities Division.

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COPE ladies set dance rule

Here's an amusing story of how COPE dollars were raised at the Georgia State Convention this year: To boost the drive for COPE dollars, a delegation of women from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers drew up a resolution which they presented on the floor of the convention. The resolution said that no woman who was a member of ACWA would dance that night with any man at the union party unless he could show his COPE dollar receipt.

After this came up on the convention floor, 129 men contributed their dollars and got receipts! Never underestimate the power of women, we say! What man could resist the smile of a pretty girl?—COPE

Rockefeller's bride speaks

This will change my life completely. Everything will become different for me. But what I have brought with me from the home of my childhood will always remain with me. I will remain the one I am.—Anne-Marie Rasmussen

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

AN INTERESTING little pamphlet on mental health, issued by AFLCIO Community Service Activities contains this sentence, of interest to all union members and their wives:

"The AFLCIO is predicated on the belief that the worker with his emotional and physical needs, is more than an economic unit of production."

In other words, a worker is a human being of importance as an individual to his union and his community. He is more important than the business he works for or the machines he works with. And his union is there to help him in every phase of his life.

At first, of course, unions were primarily interested in wages and working hours. That is still a first interest with them.

But his health, mental and physical, and the welfare of the worker and his entire family have more and more become a concern of unions.

Health and insurance plans have helped him take better care of his family.

Not only physically, but mentally, also. The shorter working week, longer vacations, pension plans—all these have added to his comfort. Unemployment insurance, also, has cut down on the worry of many a man who might otherwise have fretted himself into a nervous breakdown, because of his inability to feed his family.

A great many people today, including our union women, take it for granted that the union does all these things for them.

But do they ever stop to think who and what the union is? The union is you and you and you and all your individual fellow-workers. It is made up of individuals, and has strength and ability to help its members only in so far as the individual members support it, work for it and give it strength.

As a union member, never forget that. Go to your union's meetings, help it be stronger. Remember it is YOU you are working for.

Pantry becomes utility room

The trend in recent years has been to consolidate the old-fashioned pantry with the kitchen, but many homemakers have transformed the pantry into a well-equipped utility room and home office.

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Joe Angelo tells of steel magnates zero-minus offer

Joe Angelo, high in the councils of the Steelworkers, on leave as treasurer of the Central Labor Council during absence due to the national negotiations with the steel industry in the East, was back in his seat as a delegate to the CLC this week.

Angelo commented pungently on the strike-inducing tactics of the steel magnates.

"After making us their zero-minus offer on wages and against any improvements in the contract," said Angelo, "they dug up this other gimmick of charges of 'featherbedding,' by which they simply mean they're trying to go back twenty years, to get rid of conditions they've agreed to in collective bargaining in the past."

Angelo said the morale of the strikers is good all over the country, and that the men are even more determined not to give up conditions long standing and gained in the past than they are on the wage issue, important as this latter is.

Referring to the anti-labor bill passed by the House last week, and to court actions brought with increasing frequency against unions, Angelo said if things kept on a union's staff of lawyers would almost outnumber the members.

"And union lawyers live high in the air with the best of luxuries," said Angelo, "when they travel in great numbers to a union conference. Same way about phoning. I can call up Bob Ash for some advice and just pay a \$6 phone bill, but if I call up a lawyer I not only pay the phone bill but a big fee for the advice given."

Angelo made it plain that he felt the enemies of labor in Congress and in the lobbies which besiege Congress are deliberately trying to entangle labor in innumerable time-consuming money-wasting legal operations.

Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, after thanking the council for sending him as a delegate to the California Labor Federation convention at San Diego, reported that Local 1798 has reached an agreement with the Norden Manufacturing Company. The agreement covers 12 cents an hour wage advance under the two-year contract, some important reclassifications, an extra holiday, three weeks vacation after 10 years, and jury duty pay.

Several unions reported that they were turning in checks for the assistance of the families of Steelworkers 5192 strikers at the Visking Company plant.

State Senator Miller to talk at organizing meet of Municipal Employees

Senator George P. Miller, Jr., of Contra Costa County and state Democratic leader will talk on "legislation affecting public employees and legislative action by public employees" at an organizing conference of East Bay Municipal Employees at the Alameda County Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Saturday morning, August 22, Jay Johnson, business manager of Local 390 announced.

After Senator Miller's talk the conference will break up into workshop sessions on the problems and organization of public employees. Members of the local and Building Service Employees International Union staff will participate in the conference.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Labor Day near at hand, Journal in this issue begins observance

This is the first of several issues in which East Bay Labor Journal observes Labor Day, the greatest date in organized labor's year. Stories of the progress of unions here will be found in this issue, and in later ones.

Labor Day is approaching this year just as the attacks on organized labor have reached a legislative climax. But in the East Bay our many good friends are helping us to observe the annual coming of our big day. For these friends realize that the AFLCIO itself was vigorously ejecting from its fellowship certain unions which had permitted corruption to creep in, when enemies of all unions stepped in and tried to get rid, not of all the crooks, but of all the unions.

Organized labor is, however, an integral part of East Bay community life, and it is in full realization of this that we publish our annual Labor Day issues.

AFLCIO executive board for ILA reaffiliation

The AFLCIO executive board has voted to recommend reaffiliation of the International Longshoremen's Association, ousted by the old AFL six years ago for corrupt leadership. Readmission would be probationary.

CLC in silent tribute to Hugh Rutledge memory

The Central Labor Council delegates this week stood for a moment in silent respect to the memory of Hugh Rutledge, Painters, 127, as did the Building Trades Council at a recent meeting. Rutledge died August 3.

Officers named by Line Drivers 468

Manny H. Joseph was elected president, and George M. King was elected secretary - treasurer of Line Drivers Local 468.

Other officers elected were: Vice president — Mel Brady. Other candidates were Don (Jr.) Cole, Tommy Gibbs, Manuel (Blackie) Oliver.

Recording secretary — Bill Lupescu. Other candidates: Al Appelbaum, Earl Neal, J. E. (Ed) Stone.

Trustees — Dick Davilla, Howard Ford, Charles (Moon) Moon. Other candidates: Warren Briggs, Jack Cadigan, John Clark, (Singing Sam) Collura, Hampton (Dave) Davis, William (Frenchy) DeNeef, Jack Hanna, Don McDaniel, Frank (Pete) Peterson.

Business agent — David (Mac) McClanahan. Other candidates: Jim Dinwiddie, W. J. (Bill) Francis, Everett Gracey, Al (T-Shirt) Tercheria, Arthur (Art) Vaughn.

PLEASE KEEP ON THE GRASS!

Confucius say: Man who irrigate sidewalk, harvest fancy water bill. "East Bay MUD" say: Heed these simple tips, and you'll achieve maximum lawn beauty at minimum water cost:

First, don't water too often, or your lawn will develop a shallow root system. Second, when you do water ... say, once or twice a week ... give a good, deep soaking. This is especially important this year, since your lawn got only a spattering of rain last winter. (Needless to say, what goes for lawns, goes double or triple for deep-rooted trees and shrubs.)

Third, about that sprinkler of yours. Learn to use it so your lawn gets watered evenly. If you don't, you'll end up with part bog, part desert. Both conditions encourage weeds.

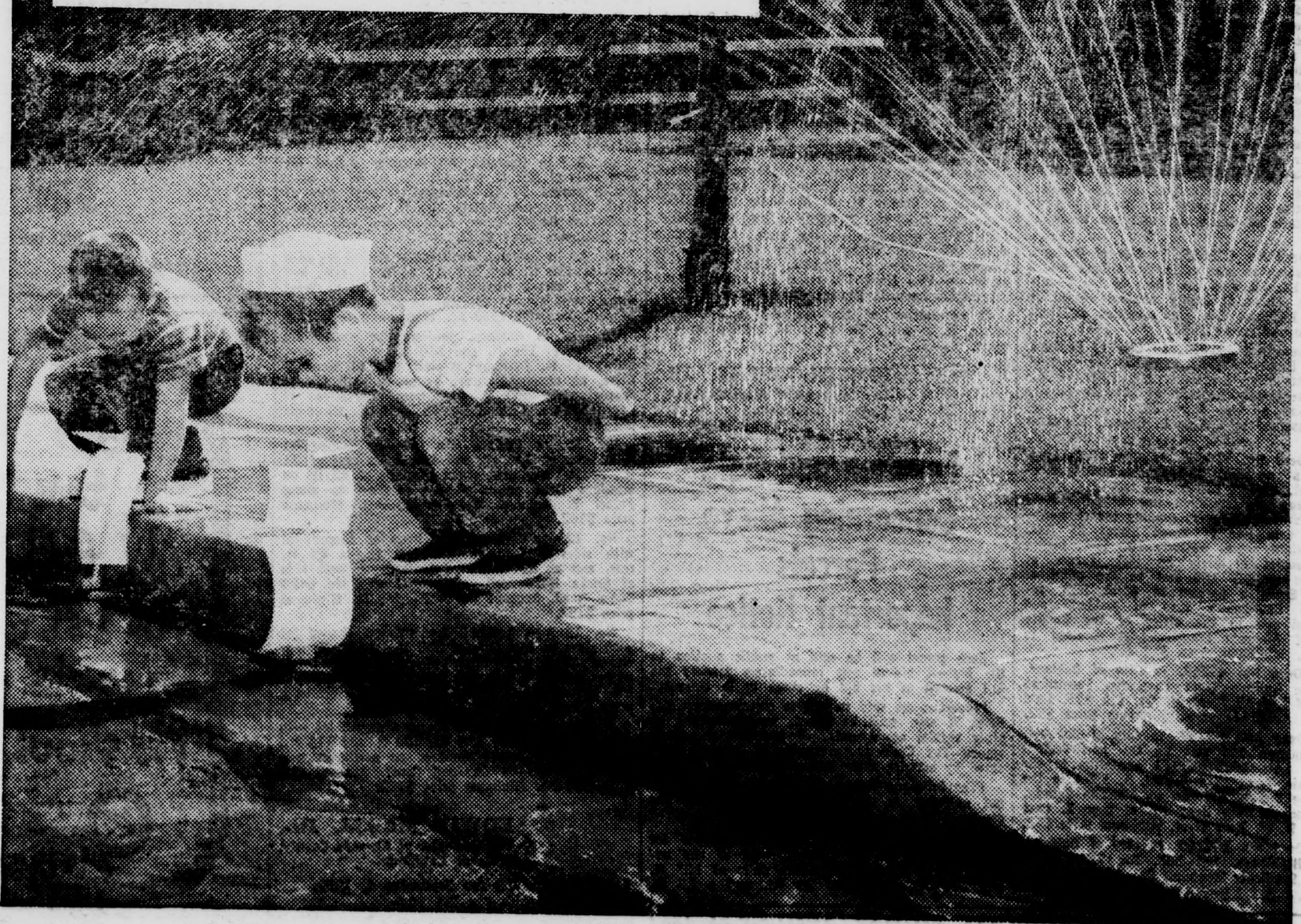
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Four life members of Brotherhood in Hayward Painters

Members of Painters Local 1178 joined with other painters throughout the East Bay area in receiving substantial new benefits under the terms of the new contract negotiated and signed last July.

The 70-cent package deal, affecting the 570 members of the local, provides a 15c hourly wage increase on July 1. A seventeen cent wage boost will be given next July 1, and a twenty-five cent increase on the same date in 1961. In addition, the new contract provides a 10c hourly pension increase as of next January 1 and a 3c vacation increase next July 1.

The twenty-two year old local completed the 1958-59 labor year with no strikes or disputes.

Early last December the members of the local honored retiring Business Representative H. E. Mountain at a memorial dinner. Mountain had served in that position for more than twelve years.

Four members of the local have achieved the status of life members. To be eligible for this honor, a painter must be at least sixty years old and have been in the brotherhood for at least twenty-five years. Life members of 1178 are Charles F. Emes, H. E. Mountain, Carl W. McGinnis, and Jens B. Jensen.

At the annual June elections, the following officers were elected: Raymond Conklin, president; Andrew Swanson, vice president; Ted Sisney re-elected to the post of treasurer; Robert G. Miller re-elected recording secretary; Wiley H. Mountjoy, financial secretary; and Leo Golway re-elected conductor. Mountjoy replaces retiring Financial Secretary Charles Bethel.

The three trustees of the local are Richard Fitzgerald, William Stubblefield, and D. Ades.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? Our pickets know.

The Elrick Rim Co. is trying to ram an inferior settlement down our throats.

The United Centrifugal Pump Co. wants to cut rates on certain classifications.

Fibreboard Paper Products (Pabco) locked out 53 Machinists and contracted our jobs to a maintenance firm and another union.

Yes, our pickets know about evil in hearts of men.

Ladies, if your man is on picket duty, treat him kindly. There's an emotional and mental strain, that induces physical exhaustion in walking the bricks to protect your job.

At Pabco, we have to contend with a bitterly cold breeze, large repulsive rats which have jurisdiction at the Tallow Works, and a pungent stink from the piles of ripe offal. It's only with extreme difficulty that we maintain our intestinal fortitude.

We're winning. The NLRB dismissed the unfair labor charges against 1304. They will issue a complaint on our charges against the company. This means the company must negotiate with the union.

We've contempt charges against us, but let's face it. We've got nothing but contempt for this company.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414-Mason St., San Francisco.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Brother Ray Withers, watchmaker employed by W. C. Lean, Jewelers—San Jose. Brother Withers was married recently

and sent us the good news from Lake Tahoe where he was honeymooning. So to Jane and Ray—the best of luck from all of us.

Have just returned from the State Federation convention in San Diego. Was happy to find Mildred back in the office, her vacation ending by her being hospitalized for pneumonia for two weeks, immediately upon her return.

The convention was interesting. I will report on this at the next membership meeting.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The United Association's 6th annual apprenticeship contest and instructors training course was held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, August 10-15, 1959. Forty-six Plumber apprentices and forty-three Pipefitter apprentices competed for prize monies of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

In connection with the apprenticeship contest, the instructors training course was well attended with 327 instructors attending this eight-hour per day 40-hour week training course. Both the apprentices and instructors represented various States of the Union, including Alaska; Canada also was represented.

Approximately 500 United Association members, their wives, general officers of the United Association, representatives of labor and management, attended the banquet held upon the conclusion of the week's activities. Principal speakers included General President Schoemann, General Secretary-Treasurer William O'Neill, Assistant General President John J. McCartin; the president of Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Inc., Mr. William Scott, who heads Scott Company here in Oakland; President of N.A.P.C. Irvin Richkammer; President of R.A.C.C.A. Thomas Pris; and Mr. H. S. Belman, industrial ed-

ucation curriculum, Purdue University.

Winners of the annual contest were:

Pipefitter, 1st place, Robert Forster, Local Union 120, Cleveland, Ohio; 2nd place, Frank Davis, Local Union 420, Pennsylvania; 3rd place, George Riebe, Local Union 601, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Plumber, 1st place, William Jiskra, Local Union 1, Brooklyn, New York; 2nd place, Gerald Waters, Local Union 98, Detroit, Michigan; 3rd place, Arlen Van Gaasheck, Local Union 8, Kansas City, Missouri.

The National Joint Pipefitter Committee of which committee the writer is a member held committee meetings in connection with the U. A. supplements. The committee also announced at Purdue that the new Steamfitter manual is now available to members of the United Association and JAC Committees. This book took approximately two and one-half years to complete and will sell for \$17.50 plus postage. Please watch the U. A. Journal for complete details.

It may be of interest for you to know that figures recently released by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, revealed that effective July 1, 1958 there were 21,613 registered apprentice plumbers, pipefitters, sprinkler fitters and lead burners in the United States. New United Association apprentice registrations for the same period were 2,804 with 1,546 apprentices graduating.

The State of California leads all other States in the Union with reference to the United Association apprentices, as effective July 1, 1958 the record showed that this State had 2,211 indentured apprentices and 374 apprentices had signed up for new classes with 169 graduating.

The Skilled Improvement Committee wishes to announce that they are starting a refrigeration class for journeymen. For those who are interested, please enroll with the Skilled Improvement

Committee at their meeting, which is held every Tuesday evening in Room 214 at 8:00 p.m. Our next membership meeting will be held September 3, 1959.

Carpenters Auxiliary

ALTA BENONYS

Ladies Auxiliary 160 held their social at the home of their new president, Wilma Frazier, August 15. The attendance was very good and we were all delighted to meet Mrs. Artman, Wilma's house guest from Albuquerque. She is the mother of Myrtalene Artman, whom we all know and who helps our auxiliary in so many ways.

Thursday evening, August 20, Sewing Club will meet at the home of Bea Cameron. Everyone who can, be sure to come and show our new chairman, Viola Ray, we are going to give her lots of support this year.

Keep Sunday, August 23, for the barbecue party being given by Hayward Auxiliary for Auxiliary 160 and their families at the home of Freda Toensing, 978 Paradise Blvd., Hayward. This party is in honor of Auxiliary 160 reaffiliating with the State Council of Carpenters Auxiliaries, so try to attend. Time: 2:30 in the afternoon.

Remember to use the stickers "THIS PAYMENT MADE POSSIBLE BY UNION LABOR" furnished by your Auxiliary, when making any payments.

See you Thursday at Bea's.

Peach labor 'shortage' to be subject of probe

State Senator James E. Cobey of Merced announces his committee on labor fact-finding will make a study of the alleged "shortage" of peach picking labor in the valley. Labor contends the growers want more Mexican nationals.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sale On September 15, 1959 of Property Deeded to the State for Delinquent Taxes

Whereas, I was on June 23, 1959 directed by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, and there was received by me and filed in my office authorization of the State Controller dated July 23, 1959, to sell at public auction certain tax deeded property, public notice is hereby given that unless said property is redeemed prior thereto, I will on September 15, 1959, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Tax Collector's Office in the Court House of the County of Alameda, in the City of Oakland, sell the said property as directed, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper for not less than the minimum price or prices set forth in this notice.

The parcels of property that are the subject of this notice are situated in the County of Alameda, State of California, and are described as follows:

No. 1. Deed No. 182685. In City of Oakland, Lot 1, according to Map of Elmhurst Park No. 2 filed April 12, 1895 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 15, page 31. Last assessed to Thos. Hughes. Minimum price \$252.

No. 2. Deed No. 182721. In City of Oakland, Lot 39 in Block "S", according to the map of Toler Heights filed September 30, 1907 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 23, pages 34 and 35. Last assessed to Evelyn L. Sparks. Minimum price \$202.

No. 3. Deed No. 174608. In City of Oakland, Beginning at a point on the western line of Wood Street, distant thereon 26 feet 2 1/2 inches southerly from the southern line of 5th Street (formerly Williams Street); running thence southerly along said line of Wood Street 25 feet; thence at right angles westerly 100 feet; thence at right angles northerly 25 feet; thence at right angles easterly 100 feet to the point of beginning. Being a portion of Block 505, according to Boardman's Map of Oakland and Vicinity, on file in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County. Last assessed to Elora Pope. Minimum price \$1202.

No. 4. Deed No. 48213. In City of Oakland, Map of the Galindo Tract (Brooklyn Township) SW 5 ft of NW 15 ft of lot 54, Blk 875. Last assessed to A. C. Freeman. Minimum price \$52.

No. 5. Deed No. 167132. In City of Oakland, The southeastern 1.5 feet of the northwestern 80 feet of Lots 160 and 161 according to the Map of Alvin Tract filed August 5, 1892 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, and of record in Map Book 14, at page 2. Last assessed to R. W. Reno et al. Minimum price \$52.

No. 6. Deed No. 107260. In City of Oakland, Montclair Highlands. Lot 368, Blk 7345. Last assessed to Syndicate Montclair Co., Ltd. Minimum price \$102.

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No. 7. Deed No. 107259. In City of Oakland, Montclair Highlands. Lot 367, Blk 7345. Last assessed to Syndicate Montclair Co., Ltd. Minimum price \$102.

No. 8. Deed No. 135669. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights. Lot 1856, Blk 7348. Last assessed to Jas. J. Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$152.

No. 9. Deed No. 135670. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights. Lot 1857, Blk 7348. Last assessed to Jas. J. Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$152.

No. 10. Deed No. 125567. In City of Oakland, Montclair Highlands Extension. Lot 707, Blk 7369. Last assessed to M. F. x Marie Brass et al. Minimum price \$102.

No. 11. Deed No. 125568. In City of Oakland, Montclair Highlands Extension. Lot 708, Blk 7369. Last assessed to M. F. x Marie Brass et al. Minimum price \$102.

No. 12. Deed No. 183024. In City of Oakland, Lot 585, according to the map of Forestland Extension filed September 25, 1925 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 4, pages 90 through 93. Last assessed to J. M. Stephens. Minimum price \$152.

No. 13. Deed No. 183030. In City of Oakland, Lot 197, according to the Map of Forestland Extension filed December 8, 1924 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 4, pages 52 and 53. Last assessed to Cora E. Cooper et al. Minimum price \$152.

No. 14. Deed No. 183028. In City of Oakland, Lot 2950, according to the map of Thorndale filed July 13, 1929 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 18, pages 68 and 69. Last assessed to Lucy A. Thomas. Minimum price \$152.

If redemption of the property is not made before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

EDWIN MEESE, JR.,
Tax Collector of Alameda County,
State of California.

Location and Data Concerning Above Parcels Important Notice

Each parcel will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder who immediately tenders the full amount of his bid by check or in currency.

Properties are sold subject to certain easements, liens, if any, such as street, sewer, lighting or other special assessments. IF KNOWN to undersigned Tax Collector, existence of lien is indicated by asterisk after item number.

(The following information, unofficial and without warranty, is submitted for the guidance and convenience of prospective purchasers.)

No. 1. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot on south side of "E" Street, west of and adjacent to 8715 "E" St., with sides of 103 ft. and 104 ft., a rear of 29 ft., and a 25 ft.

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frontage on "E" St. Account No. 42-4284-2 Minimum price \$252.

No. 2. In Oakland. A 50 ft. by 200 ft. lot on east side of Burr Street at intersection of Thermal Avenue. Account No. 43-4641-36. Minimum price \$202.

No. 3. In Oakland. A 25 ft. by 100 ft. lot located between 429 and 423 Wood St. This parcel is improved but buyer must accept as is with no warranty for occupancy. Account No. 6-492-2. Minimum price \$1202.

No. 4. In Oakland. A 5 ft. by 15 ft. strip with no ingress or egress. Strip abutts the rear of 2610 Coolidge Avenue and 2529 31th Avenue. Account No. 27-875-21. Minimum price \$52.

No. 5. In Oakland. A 1.5 ft. by 80 ft. rear strip with no ingress or egress directly abutting the rear of 662 Louisiana St. or western extreme rear of 9312 Oscar Avenue. Account No. 44-5016-7-5. Minimum price \$52.

No. 6. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot on north side of Zinn Drive, an unopened street with sides of 132 ft. and 143 ft., a rear of 55 ft. and a Zinn Drive frontage of 58 ft. abutting the rear of 5800 Balboa. Account No. 48E-7345-33. Minimum price \$102.

No. 7. In Oakland, northwest of and adjacent to the above parcel 33, a 60 ft. by 118 ft. lot. Account No. 48E-7345-34. Minimum price \$102.

No. 8. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 121 ft. and 142 ft., an 80 ft. rear, and a curved 50 ft. frontage on west side of West Circle approximately 200 ft. west of intersection of Balboa Drive. Account No. 48E-7348-35. Minimum price \$152.

No. 9. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 130 ft. and 121 ft., a 70 ft. rear, and a 50 ft. curved frontage on north side of West Circle, west of and adjacent to above Parcel 35. Account No. 48E-7348-37. Minimum price \$152.

No. 10. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 171 ft. and 160 ft., a 56 ft. rear, and a 45 ft. frontage on west side of Mendoza Drive, an unopened street overgrown with foliage approximately 550 ft. west from intersection of Cabrillo Place. Account No. 48F-7369-2. Minimum price \$102.

No. 11. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 140 ft. and 146 ft., a rear of 71 ft., and an unopened street frontage of 45 ft. on Mendoza Drive south of and adjacent to above Parcel 2. Account No. 48F-7369-3. Minimum price \$102.

No. 12. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 232 ft. and 181 ft., a 45 ft. rear, and an 82 ft. curved frontage on west side of Snake Road north of and adjacent to 6429 Snake Road. Account No. 48F-7371-21. Minimum price \$152.

No. 13. In Oakland. An irregular shaped lot with sides of 260 ft. and 238 ft., a 110 ft. rear and a 48 ft. north frontage on Thornhill Drive, approximately 464 ft. due south from 6539 Thornhill Drive. Account No. 48F-7378-55. Minimum price \$152.

No. 14. In Oakland. A diamond shaped lot with sides of 163 ft. and 138 ft., 100 ft. and 115 ft., and a 35 ft. curved frontage on northwest side of cul de sac on Oakwood Court. Account No. 48F-7378-20. Minimum price \$152.

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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

This is to notify you that the first regular meeting of September has been changed to Wednesday, September 2nd, and it will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the revision of local by-laws.

Please read the changes recommended by your Law and Legislative Committee that were mailed to you and bring it with you to the meeting for ready reference.

Time: 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 1959.

Place: Hall M, Labor Temple.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held September 3, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, August 28, 1959, 8:00 p.m. 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Many courses of interest to the journeyman in the building industry, such as blueprint reading, construction and cost estimating, surveying related to the construction trade and advanced welding, to mention a few, are now available at the Contra Costa College. Registration will be opened during the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., September 8 and 10 in the Gymnasium of the Contra Costa College, San Pablo.

For further information call BE 5-7800 or call me at TW 3-3010.

Fraternally,
ELIAS L. ARELLANO,
Business Representative

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, September 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Notice of special called meeting Friday, August 21, 1959, 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

This meeting is called pursuant to instructions by the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to vote to amend the general laws of the international to increase the per capita tax to the Home and Pension Fund 25 cents per month for each member.

Following the August 28 meeting there will be a stag social for members—refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy yourself.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761-12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., August 21, 1959, to vote on a 25 cents referendum per capita tax, per month, to the general office for the Home and Pension Fund as specified by the last general convention. The delegates to the State Labor Federation will also make their reports at this time.

The stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. August 20, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. August 26, 1959.

As a reminder to all carpenters, the dues for the last quarter of 1959, will be \$4.50 per month.

The AFLCIO family picnic will be held in Roberts Park, September 12, 1959, and tickets are available at the Union Hall for sale at one dollar per family.

All meetings will be at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The local union at the meeting Wednesday, July 22, concurred in the recommendation of the executive board to close the office at 4:30 p.m.

Beginning August 3, 1959, the office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as the busiest part of the day is the early morning hours when more help is needed in dispatching members to the jobs as well as the numerous phone calls which must be answered.

Yours fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Financial secretary-treasurer & business manager

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our next regular meeting occurs Friday night, August 21. On that date and other regular meeting dates the office will be closed at 7:45 p.m. so that the meetings may be called to order on time.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

Persuant to the action taken at the June 6 meeting of the local, the August 1959 meeting has been cancelled due to the summer season.

Members wishing to pay union dues may mail them to Will Minick, financial secretary.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS
Secretary

MILLMEN 550

NOTICE: REFERENDUM

At our next meeting, 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 21, 1959, at the Labor Temple, Oakland, there will be an important special order of business.

The Special Home and Pension Committee is submitting a referendum to the entire membership of the Brotherhood on their recommendation:

"That our General Laws be amended to increase per capita tax to the Home and Pension Fund 25 cents per month. On the failure of this proposition to carry, the General Laws shall be amended to provide that no pension applications be accepted after December 31, 1960."

Be sure to attend and VOTE!

Fraternally,
M. D. CIGINATO,
Recording Secretary
GEORGE WHITE,
President

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The regular meeting of U C Employees Local 371 will not be held in the month of August.

The next regular meeting of U C Employees Local 371 will be held September 5, 1959, at the Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, a 2 o'clock. The Executive Board will meet at 12:30, same address.

At the meeting of September 5, you will get the report of your delegates to the California Labor Federation convention at San Diego which was held August 8 through August 14, 1959.

The negotiating committee on wages and benefits will report on the progress of negotiations.

Some of our meetings the last couple of months have been of the hot and heavy variety, but you are never derived the privilege of bringing up a subject on the floor for open discussion, so show up at all the meetings and make yourself heard. This is your union, so come and help the officers run it to the satisfaction of all the members.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

Jimmie Hicks will seek council seat

W. A. Jimmie Hicks, former city councilman and mayor of Sacramento announced today that he definitely will be a candidate for election to the Sacramento City Council at the coming election November 3.

Hicks was serving as mayor of Sacramento when the then Governor, Goodwin J. Knight, requested him to serve as deputy director in the administration of the California Department of Employment. He served in this capacity until the expiration of the Knight administration and is currently managing editor of the North Sacramento Journal.

A continuous resident of Sacramento since 1928, Hicks is active in many civic projects which include service as a member of the board of directors of the United Crusade and chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Crusade and member of the 1959 County Grand Jury.

He served as editor-manager of the Union Labor Bulletin from 1945 until 1954. — Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin.

Line Drivers 468 picket two firms

Line Drivers Local 468 this week placed pickets at Garrett Freightlines in Berkeley and at Interstate Motor Lines in Oakland.

Secretary-Treasurer George King told the press that the strike was called to get the companies to negotiate a supplemental agreement to the master contract signed by the Western Conference of Teamsters.

Members of Teamsters Local 70 were permitted through for goods received before the strike.

S. F. Teamsters 85 stick to demands

It was announced this week that a team of Federal mediators had intervened under orders from Washington in the Teamster strike in San Francisco. Neither side had asked for such mediation, but the Mediation Service has under law the right to intervene in emergencies.

The membership of Local 85 voted Saturday to sign no pact providing less than \$2.50 in cash a day and fringe benefits of 25 cents per day.



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Union lawyer says newest monster is 'labor monopoly'

Just a few years ago the nation's press was rife with impassioned defenses of the Taft-Hartley Act as a cure-all for, among other trade union maladies, the problem of jurisdictional conflict.

We were told Taft-Hartley would protect workers, consumers and businessmen from the ravages of inter-union conflict.

As it turned out, Taft-Hartley effected no such cure. It was not until the labor movement itself took positive action — first through the No Raiding Agreement and then through the AFL-CIO merger—that jurisdictional conflict began to wane on the American industrial scene.

No sooner did the trade union movement begin to grapple with the problem of eliminating inter-union rivalry (and this is a specific objective spelled out in AFL-CIO's Constitution) than many of the same newspapers which saw jurisdiction as the dragon created a new union monster with which to panic the public — labor monopoly.

Thankfully, this "damned if you do and damned if you don't" commentary from the press has neither cowed nor confused responsible leaders of American unions. But there has been confusion in some quarters. It has even encouraged some anti-union politicians to adopt this new monster as a favorite platform companion. — Arthur Goldberg in United Paper.

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Photo Engravers 8 have jurisdiction Fresno to Oregon

One of the most wide-spread unions centered in the East Bay, the Photo Engravers 8, celebrated their twentieth consecutive labor year without any sort of strike or dispute. With more than five hundred members from Fresno to the Oregon border, Local 8 ranks among the most scattered, single locals in the state.

The Photo Engravers completed a contract during this labor year, and entered a new two year agreement with the commercial engravers. The new contract, which will run from November 1958 until November 1960 calls for a five dollar scale increase and a three dollar general increase per year. Also written into the contract is an increased contribution to the employees' health plan.

In elections held last December, James Laskey was chosen to be the new president of Local 8. The vice president is Ralph Woinowski, while George Krantz is serving in the triple post of secretary - treasurer - business manager. The recording secretary is Kenneth Davis.

Besides the officers of the union, the following men were elected to the executive board: Douglas Bingley, William Meaney, Robert Sloane, Wallace Noel, Richard Eaton, Steven Kralj, and Ed Warrenner.

Because of the diversity of location of the members, any sort of unified community services project was impossible during the last year, so Local 8 contented itself with the usual contributions and donations.

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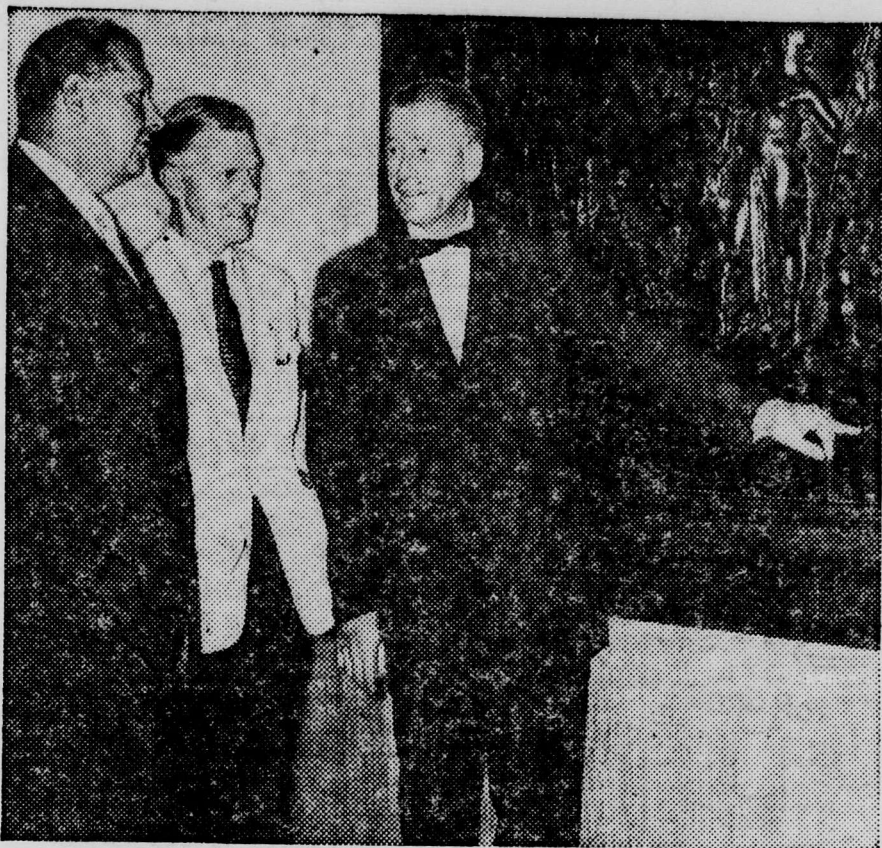
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Recommended for the awards were Harvey Myers, a member of IAM Lodge 826 at Remington-Rand's office machine plant here; and Patrolman John F. Brewer, a member of Lodge 826 prior to joining the police force.

Myers, who discovered the blaze shortly after midnight, was attempting to arouse the occupants of the house when Brewer came along in his police cruiser. After policemen summoned fire apparatus by police radio, the two men entered the burning building.

Myers and Brewer dragged 41-year-old Charles J. Bertsche, his wife and their 20-month-old son to safety through the blazing house, with the aid of police and firemen who arrived on the scene within a matter of minutes.—AFLCIO News.

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Letter Carriers 76 keeps eye on bill now before Congress

Several measures which will benefit National Association of Letter Carriers Local 76 are currently before Congress, according to Martin Sglav, recording and corresponding secretary. Among these are a hospitalization plan and a motor liability plan.

Sglav has been personally campaigning for more than twenty years to get the motor liability for NALC members. Presently drivers of mail vehicles are not covered by any form of government insurance, and in case of accident must pay from their own pocket. But, Sglav reports, under the terms of Senate Bill 101 and House Bill 3283, if passed, the government will assume liability for drivers of mail vehicles.

While the union itself has a hospitalization plan, under the terms of another bill before Congress, the government would contribute 50% toward a plan.

A third beneficial measure, already passed by both houses but vetoed by the President, provided for holiday pay when a national holiday falls on a Saturday. After 1959 this will only occur 13 times up to and including the year 2000, including three times in 1962 (when Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, and July 4 all fall on Saturday). It is hoped by members of Local 76 that Congress will override the President's veto in its next session.

A strike by letter carriers is forbidden by the union's constitution.

Serving as president of the 525-man local is Lloyd Dean Nowak, who was elected to the vice presidency and moved up

when John Trindell was promoted to the supervisory force. Daniel Sweeney, the former sergeant-at-arms, moved into the vice-president's position, and Joe Ecker was chosen the new sergeant-at-arms.

The financial secretary is A. P. Klaiss Jr., with Sglav serving as recording-corresponding secretary. Trustees are Stephen Green, William Croken, and Charles Mincolla.

Many members of Local 76 have forty years or more of membership, while three have reached the fifty-year mark. These are Arthur McPhail, Richard Santos, and Eddie Anderson, the newest member of the half-century club.

Painters local presents labor data to library

KALISPELL, Montana—Painters Local 975, which covers a five-county area in northwestern Montana, has presented books and pamphlets on labor to public and school libraries in 11 communities.

Local 975 Secretary Perry S. Melton said the union's public service project was carried out "in the interest of better understanding of labor unions and collective bargaining." — AFL-CIO News.

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Picture Operators good year

The 1958-1959 Labor year saw benefits obtained in most of Moving Picture Operators 169's many contracts. The local has contracts with the various theater operators. To most of these contracts were added wage increases of from five to ten cents per hour. Welfare plan benefits were also included in some of these negotiations.

Local 169 faced only two very minor disputes during the year, but both were quickly settled. Arguments with the Granada and Laurel theaters over the use of union labor took place in April, but were of very short duration.

As usual, many of Local 169's members devoted time without charge to various charitable organizations. Those organizations benefitting from this free service included many local churches, lodges, and institutions.

Irving S. Cohen was elected president of the 110-man local in this year's annual elections. Clarence Foster was chosen vice president and is also serving as

chairman of the seven-man executive board. Albert Daul is Local 169's business manager, and James Perry the recording secretary. The financial secretary is George F. Dyer, while Evan Sims holds the post of sergeant-at-arms.

In addition to Chairman Foster, the executive board consists of Ralph Thies, Joe Wilson, George Tagg, Tom Taney, J. B. Gillard, and Charles Ball.

The three trustees are M. L. Chaipetto, Bert Walters, and Cecil Adcox.

Military cargo planes are needed, says Reuther

DETROIT — Auto Workers' Pres. Walter P. Reuther has urged the Defense Dept. to step up production of military cargo planes to "repair the vulnerable gap in our defenses" and to help ease unemployment in the hard-hit aircraft industry.

The UAW leader's recommendation was sent to Defense Sec. McElroy—AFLCIO News

Stage Local 17 Assists charities

The 1958-59 Labor year was a relatively untroubled one for the members of the Theatrical Stage Employees 107. One of the smaller Bay Area locals, 107 currently has thirty-eight members.

Local 107's contracts are made with individual theaters, and a few of these contracts expired and were renewed with increases during the past year.

In the way of public services, Local 107, has on several occasions, provided workers for charity functions, including one large show this spring at Berkeley High School.

William Daul was elected president of Local 107 in the annual elections held this year. Chosen to fill the vice president's chair was Charles Schlosser. Harry Simonsen is serving as secretary, while E. G. King is the financial secretary. John F. Craig is the business agent.

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A fifty-cent package deal increase effective last November first highlighted the labor year for Lathers local 88. Under the terms of the new contract, the Lathers received an immediate additional 10 cents per hour toward a paid holiday; on September 1, they will receive an additional 15 cents for the holiday and 5 cents for health and welfare. September 1, 1960, 20 cents per hour will be added to the wages, bringing the base pay to \$4.04 an hour.

The 56-year-old local passed its second consecutive year without any sort of strike trouble. The last such action took place early in August, 1957.

In addition to the regular donations, local 88 has contributed to the support of several boys' clubs and to a Little League baseball team this year.

President of the 224-man local is Leroy Thomas, who was reelected to the position. Chosen as vice president in the June 1 election was William Endres. Chester Otto is the recording secretary, while Jack Frey was reelected as financial secretary. James Stacke and William Ward were reelected as sergeant-at-arms and business agent respectively.

Local 88's executive board consists of James Stacke, chairman, Edward Rainey, Robert Dickson, Ray Henderson, and W. B. Byers. The three trustees are Al Keck, Ray Henderson, and Glen Simpson.

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Starting last January 1, food service janitors receive a five cent boost to a starting scale of \$2.07. Two months later, on March 1, the office building janitors and elevator operators began receiving an additional seven cents for a starting hourly wage of \$1.82.

April was an eventful month for Local 18. Besides the annual election of officers, in which all the executives were reelected, the first picketing action of the year was initiated against Oakland's Ebony Plaza Hotel. Picketing of a second hotel in the same chain, the Lakeside, was begun July 1.

Also in April, the 900 members of Local 18 working for contractors received a six-cent hourly wage increase and a doubling of their pension plan. They now are getting \$1.90 and a 10-cent pension plan instead of a 5-cent one.

On the first day of June, workers in men's furnishings and bread baking got wage in-

creases. The base pay of the former went up six cents with the same pension raise as the contractors' workers, while the latter got a flat 8 1/4-cent increase to \$2.47.

Reelected as president of the 1800-member union was Edna Lallement. Henry Ensor is again serving as vice president. The other officers include W. Douglas Geldert, secretary-business representative; Fannie Durfee, treasurer; and George Muha, sergeant at arms.

Besides the officers, three men were elected to the executive board. These were Ray Spencer, Douglas Wilson, and George Lallement. The two new members of the board of trustees are Irwin Mars and General Self.

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BALTIMORE — A Maryland court has ruled that pickets can not be barred from a privately-owned shopping center, that organizational picketing within the shopping center by a local of the Retail Clerks is protected by the right of free speech and that the principle of federal pre-emption precludes any interference by a state or city court with the right to picket.

Criminal Court Judge Edwin Harlan made these points in reversing a Magistrate's Court conviction of Edmund D. Williams, Jr., for "trespass by picketing."—AFLCIO News

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Neuberger's bill to put electricity and men to work is backed by labor

WASHINGTON—The AFLCIO has urged Congress to approve long-overdue expansion of Hydro-electric facilities in the Pacific Northwest in order to create new job opportunities in that four-state area.

Testifying before a Senate Public Works subcommittee, a federation spokesman called for approval, but with amendments, of a bill establishing a Bonneville Power Corp. on the Columbia River, armed with authority to issue revenue bonds to finance construction of new power facilities. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).—AFLCIO News.

Teachers ask for aid to education

CHICAGO — Officers of the Teachers Union called for action by Congress, state legislatures, local school boards and teachers themselves to improve the education of America's children.

The AFT executive council, meeting here in the aftermath of the tragic fire which snuffed out the lives of 92 schoolchildren, heard President Carl J. Megel charge that a fourth of the nation's public schools "are so obsolete as to contain fire hazards." Megel called for federal aid to school construction plus "a thorough going over" of state and local building and fire prevention codes.

The AFT president also denounced the "lockout" of nearly 35,000 Arkansas and Virginia schoolchildren "by the political demagogues." He said the nation's children must be "educated against intolerance." — AFLCIO News.

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But John A. Silva, business representative of Upholsterers 28, feels this week that persistence pays off. For after a running battle of over a year the Twin Cities Manufacturing Company, just now of Campbell, has signed a contract agreeing to continue the pension plan, improve health and welfare provisions, and meet the industry terms of 9 cents an hour more this year, 8 cents next, and 8 cents the third.

The contract expires October 15, 1961.

Two hearings were held under NLRB auspices, and the union won both times. Many reports on the struggle were made from time to time to the Central Labor Council by Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, assigned by Secretary Robert S. Ash to give assistance to Silva.

Fay Dunmire, hearing officer at the NLRB's second hearing, was present Friday, when the agreement was signed by the company and the union.

During the struggle the company, which makes upholstered furniture, had cut its work force to 8 persons, but formerly had 20, and is expected now to build up business again and have more workers.

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Henning: Krushchev, Nixon alike in attitude toward poor folk

In a moving speech which brought the delegates to the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego to their feet, Governor Brown's forceful Director of Industrial Relations John Francis Henning, laid the plight of the agricultural worker at the doorstep of those like Richard Nixon who are "irrevocably committed to the social and economic philosophy that would ruin America."

While Nixon was in Russia, "expressing outrage for the enslaved peoples of the Soviet Empire, with which we agree, he would at the same time deny basic human liberties to his fellow Americans in agricultural labor," Henning declared.

Pointing out that neither Krushchev nor Nixon discussed the role of the labor movement in society, because the question would have embarrassed both of them, Henning said:

"Khrushchev and his murder machine have long since liquidated the free trade union movement of the Soviet Empire.

"Nixon follows a softer and more gentle philosophy, he would merely emasculate unions by legislative action, and leave the working people powerless to bargain on terms of equality with capital.

"Throughout all his political life he has been the unrelenting enemy of labor and may God help the working people if he ever assumes the Presidency."

Nixon's policies are most apparent in agriculture where he is aligned with those who insist the success of the agricultural economy demands the exploitation and degradation of the human being," he said.

Henning added that it may well be the case that when Khrushchev comes to the United States, Vice President Richard Nixon will have the opportunity to show him the great state of California.

"I wonder if Nixon will have the courage," Henning said, "to show Khrushchev how our domestic agricultural workers live in California's farm labor camps."

Henning added that if Nixon needed any assistance, his Division of Housing would be glad to show him conditions which his Division is trying to remedy—"show him where men and women and their children live, show him these people living in houses which Nixon wouldn't permit his dog to dwell in. Checkers, dead or alive, would

know a better home and resting place."

Henning continued: "Domestic farm workers are obliged to live under conditions not fit for valued animals—and yet here we force human beings to live out their days, human beings for whom a generous God gave the endowments of nature and the goodness of the earth!"

Henning concluded by pointing out that the opportunity exists here in California whereby the labor movement may reclaim the position of moral leadership "which it has held so long in this country." Henning added, "Brothers and Sisters, in serving the agricultural workers of California, you will show to the people of all America that the labor movement was born to honor and serve the abandoned, the forgotten, the poor."—California Labor Federation

Two church groups swat Un-Am panel

The Department of Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of California, and the Friends Legislative Committee (Quaker) have come out against the methods of the House Un-American Activities Committee in its planned hearings on California teachers.

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Need for COPE picnic cash shown by House 'killer' bill

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quoted by Joseph Alsop, syndicated columnist for the Republican New York Herald Tribune, as saying he wanted a "killer or no bill at all." Halleck took the floor to deny it.

The bill the House chose to advance to the point of final passage was the most drastic of all versions of labor-management legislation that were considered as seriously offered.

The fate of the measure in conference committee is uncertain. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), sponsor of the original Senate committee bill saddled with harsh anti-labor provisions (D-Ala.).

Southern Democrats overwhelmingly abandoned Rayburn and lined up with Smith and Barden. Halleck, on the other hand, was able to command almost the total strength of the GOP.

The bill's restrictions on boycotts and picketing are generally those demanded by Eisenhower. It contains built-in "states' rights" provisions that in effect

on the Senate floor, warned in advance that House approval of the Landrum-Griffin measure would make agreement on a final bill difficult. After House action he said the conferees' responsibility is to try to reach agreement.

Approval of the Landrum-Griffin substitute was a major victory for Pres. Eisenhower, Halleck, conservative Chairman Graham Barden (D-N.C.) of the House Labor Committee and Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), chairman of the powerful Rules Committee.

It was a shocking defeat for labor and for House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), who led the fight for the committee bill introduced by Rep. Carl Elliott invite the several states to pass more severe local regulatory legislation by providing, in advance, that such legislation will supersede federal law.

It contains, in addition, a so-called "bill of rights" for union members that would punish willful violations with prison terms and fines.

It contains no effective provisions to control employers who spend money to blockade and frustrate self-organization of workers and collective bargaining.

It kills a provision of the Senate bill restoring, in part, the right of fired "economic strikers" to vote in National Labor Relations Board elections on whether their union shall be dislodged as bargaining agent. It cedes to the states total jurisdiction, under no federal standards, of any labor disputes which the NLRB by rule or individual decision declines to handle.

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How this boy was given his chance by United Crusade

By DORIS WILLI

John—quiet, well-mannered, hard-to-know—broke into a happy, almost startled, grin as he swallowed a hurried Saturday breakfast with his noisy and excited foster family.

It was a moment of delight for his foster parents.

"We'll never forget that morning," they recall. "We were in a hectic rush, packing a lunch and getting everybody ready for a trip to the beach—and then we both noticed the obvious happiness of this quiet boy. We knew that at last we had won John to our family; that he loved and trusted us."

A year before, John, a slight, fair-haired, 13 year-old, had been detained at juvenile hall—not because he had ever broken a law but because he was unwanted by his divorced parents.

Juvenile caseworkers, seeking a chance for a normal life of affection and guidance for this boy, enlisted the help of the Fred Finch Children's Home, 3800 Coolidge Ave., Oakland. Fred Finch is one of several children's agencies which receive support from the United Crusade and which serve the needs of children from all areas of Alameda County.

The first few months in his new environment were extremely difficult for John. He remained aloof—and alone. He distrusted any new alliances, fearing they might end as disastrously as had his own family relationship.

Special skills, coupled with patience and warm understanding, were required to help him—to give him the confidence to play and work with others, to grow within himself. Fortunately, he received this help—first as a resident of the Fred Finch Children's Home and later in the relaxed, affectionate atmosphere of a foster home, carefully selected and supervised by the agency.

John is now a boy with a future—and a bright future, at that—because of the generosity and sense of responsibility of the men and women who serve children in need through their United Crusade gifts.

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The Fred Finch Children's Home last year provided a total of 10,424 days of care for Alameda County boys and girls who for one reason or another could not live in their own homes.

MAYOR RISHILL of Oakland has invited the Central Labor Council to send a representative to the conference on children and youth to be held September 26 at Oakland City College.

BTC announces its policy on Pabco by adopting resolution

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HOUSE 'KILLER' BILL

Discussing the House-passed Landrum-Griffin bill, commonly called by labor people the "killer" bill, Childers said that since the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego, which he attended as a delegate of the council, was in session during the battle in the House, it naturally took up much attention of the convention delegates.

Childers said that he talked by telephone from San Diego with Congressman Cohelan, and so became increasingly aware of how ominous the situation was.

The State BTC tried to get as many men as possible back in Washington to talk with members of the House. Altogether from all over the country there were 276 labor people in Washington during the last days of the struggle. Many of these, said Childers, were building tradesmen, and while all this came too late, it was a valiant stand, and one consolation was that organized labor had begun to wake up to its political duties.

The bill is definitely punitive, said the BTC spokesman, and the Senate—House conference committee seems loaded against labor, so it looks as though labor is in for trouble. He especially called attention to the harm the organizational picketing ban would do to building tradesmen.

"As expected," said Childers, "Congressmen Cohelan and George P. Miller voted against the Landrum-Griffin bill."

He felt that the Building Trades Department, with only one man as a legislative representative, can scarcely keep in

touch with the 100 members of the Senate, and certainly not with the upwards of 500 members of the House. Also, he said, the internationals, some of them, had been asleep at the switch. So to his mind the whole thing indicated the need for more alertness in legislative matters.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, in this connection told the delegates that on suggestion of the Advisory Council of the State BTC it had been determined in San Diego to have the State BTC session held in March in Sacramento years when the Legislature is in session.

The idea is to have members of the Legislature approached by building tradesmen from their own areas just as during the past few years members of Congress have been contacted by building tradesmen from their States or districts.

CLF CONVENTION

Childers reported that the attendance at the California Labor Federation convention was only about 1400 accredited delegates as compared to the usual 2000.

Since it is two years before the Legislature will meet, there was criticism by some delegates, he said, of grinding out resolutions so far in advance on legislative matters.

Governor Brown and John Francis Henning, director of industrial relations, made fine speeches, he felt, and more spokesmen eloquent as Henning are needed for labor's cause.

Jones called attention to the high quality of the Statement of Policy adopted by the convention, and urged that it be distributed among all union members.

Glass blown for Label Show

"We haven't had any sort of strike troubles since 1941," said Mrs. Greta Lee Reese, president of Glass Bottle Blowers Local 141, and this statement typifies another peaceful labor year just concluded by the local.

The present Local 141 contract expires next year, but there have never been any difficulties with the Own-Illinois company for whom most of the local's members work.

Owen-Illinois sponsors a Fund For Live charity drive, similar in purpose to the United Fund. Local 141 this year is proud of its voluntary 100 per cent contribution to the fund. Another public benefit for which the union was responsible was the glass blowing exhibitions at the Union Label Show last spring. Local 141 member William Watts demonstrated his trade for hundreds of interested onlookers.

Local 141 also has reason to

be proud of the president of the international Glass Bottle Blowers, Lee W. Minton. President Minton was elected to a vice-presidency of the AFLCIO this year.

According to Mrs. Reese, the local took an active role in the fight against Proposition 18. In addition to a \$5000 donation to COPE to fight 18, many of the members worked on various committees to oppose the "right to work" measure.

Serving as vice president is Frank Maithias. The recording secretary is Florence Graham, while Elaine Rasette holds the position of financial secretary. These officers were elected for a four year term in 1957.

Trustees of the local are Lois Gill, Marge Jungclaus, and Virginia McCullum.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS UNION LABEL WEEK

"I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, am pleased to designate the week of September 7 through 13, 1959, as UNION LABEL WEEK in California, and call on all Californians to observe this week by patronizing stores, shops and merchandise that feature the Union Label, Shop Card and/or Service Button."

Annual golf tournament will be held Labor Day, Sept. 7, at Tilden Park

The golf tournament held annually in connection with the COPE picnic will be held this year on Labor Day, Monday, August 7, beginning at 7:30 a.m., at Tilden Park. The picnic itself is held on the following Saturday, September 12.

There will be ten foursomes, first come first served, \$3.00 covering green fee and entrance fee, each player teeing off getting a new golf ball.

Prizes will be awarded under the Calloway system of handicapping.

Those desiring to play are urged to get in touch immediately with any of the following: Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798; Al Kidder, Department & Specialty Store Employees; Roy Woods, Hayward Culinary 823; Joe Angelo, Steelworkers subregional office; O. K. Mitchell, Shipyard Laborers 886; Joe W. Chaudet, East Bay Labor Journal.

EDWARD M. TOOTHMAN this week took the oath of office as police chief of Oakland, succeeding Wyman W. Vernon, who resigned for a job in Washington.

Huff tells uses of annual report

Martin Huff, Oakland's auditor-controller, in preface to his 114-page Annual Report:

The primary distribution of this report is to banks, bond houses and city officials.

To the banks and bond houses the report is an important means of judging the city's fiscal responsibility and financial position; to city departments, it is a management tool.

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House reactionaries hit Senate as well as labor

Labor lost an important battle in the House last week when by a vote of 229 to 201 the infamous Landrum-Griffin bill, spawned by a coalition of Eisenhower, the NAM, Dixiecrats, and reactionary Republicans, rolled through to victory.

But if by the date this editorial is published the Senate conferees will have agreed to a House version of "labor reform" so outrageously at variance with the bill passed some months ago by a Senate vote of 90 to 1, then those Senate conferees will have shown very little respect for the standing of their own chamber of the Congress.

If Senator Kennedy, an aspirant for the Presidency, has by that time failed to put up a tremendous fight for the far more civilized Senate measure which bears his name he will have failed to display the political acumen for which he has long been rightly credited.

In general, too, any politician who fails to note and to remember the closeness of the vote in the House whereby the anti-labor Landrum-Griffin bill carried, will be failing to note and to remember a matter of great importance to his future.

It has been well said that the passing of the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947 did more to turn the attention of labor to politics than all the agitation for political activity by labor which had gone on during all the years before 1947.

The fact that we polled as good a vote as we did in the House last week shows that our political awakening has not been in vain, but that we need to keep going right along the arduous road of political activity more strongly than ever.

It is appropriate now to remind our readers that if they fail to buy tickets to the annual COPE picnic, and to sell as many as they can to others, they are failing to contribute in the one of the very few ways possible under the Taft-Hartley Act to build up a local fund for the election and reelection of Federal office-holders, such as, to be pointed about it, members of the House of Representatives and the Senate!

A man and a statesman!

Governor Brown's speech at the convention of the California Labor Federation in San Diego was masterly in the skill with which it blended conciliatory commonsense with firmness in its assertion of his right to use his own judgment and to refrain from surrendering to pressures which he recognizes as strong but not yet as wholly acceptable for the guidance of State and party policy.

Those who heard him, and those who read the full text of his speech, realized that they were confronted by a man and a statesman, not by a worm and an opportunist — not to be mentioning the name of any former Governor!

Assuredly most labor people are going to continue to think that there must be no monkey business about the "unjust enrichment" issue involved in the consideration of the water measure the governor got passed by both houses of the Legislature. Moreover, many labor people must have noted that by the Governor's own figures, given in his speech, nearly 38 percent of the new tax money he persuaded the Legislature to raise comes out of the taxes on beer and tobacco against which labor so strenuously protested.

But it was a great speech made by a great Governor who has already done much for the plain people of the State, and of whom we expect great things in the future.

'Partnership' dissolved

The Trinity "partnership" scheme whereby a privately owned utility could have made a lot of money by horning in on a public project is now dead, and the Democratic Senator and the Republican Senator from California were at one in voting it down.

It was to have been expected that Democratic Engle would help to vote it down, but Republican Kuchel deserves credit for the political courage he has showed throughout in this matter of the "partnership" so dear to the hearts and purses of big contributors to the Republican campaign funds.

Apparently the San Luis issue, which involved the effort of the big landowners to wiggle out of the 160-acre limitation, goes over to next year, since the big fellows feel that labor and the small farmers have gotten too far with the "unjust enrichment" battle cry.

So on some fronts our political efforts are reaping real rewards for the people of California.

Pie in the Sky!



CALIFORNIA LABOR IN STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, adopted a 43-page printed document setting forth its policy recommendations to the 1959 State AFLCIO convention in San Diego.

The following summarizes the recommendations under the various subject matter classifications:

I—FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY

(a) Continuing heavy unemployment in the face of high production and record profits threatens to reverse the partial recovery from recession.

(b) Sharing the benefits of rising productivity remains the key economic issue in the reestablishment of full employment in an expanding economy.

(c) Automation intensifies the problem of keeping purchasing power abreast of productivity advances, and presents new problems of social dislocation and change which require forethought, planning and guidance in the introduction of automated processes.

II—TAXATION

(a) Federal tax relief for low income groups and the closing of various loopholes is vital to the health of the economy.

(b) Organized labor pledges itself to an intensified fight against California's regressive tax structure, recently aggravated by the actions of the 1959 legislature, under which sales and other consumer taxes predominate and cause workers and consumers to pay a staggering and disproportionate share.

III—LABOR LEGISLATION

(a) California labor will continue to support national AFL-CIO efforts to secure legislation which will aid its unrelenting drive against corruption and racketeering wherever it appears in labor-management relations.

(b) Taft-Hartley's section 14B, the source of "right to work" movements, remains one of many unfair provisions and interpretations of that Act which must be repealed.

(c) The continued denial of a federal minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour and the exclusion of over 20 million workers from Fair Labor Standards Act coverage are moral and economic crimes which organized labor and the nation can no longer tolerate.

(d) California labor rededicates itself to the job of winning enactment of a uniform \$1.25 an hour state minimum wage law covering all individuals and all industries within the state.

IV—AGRICULTURAL LABOR

(a) The scandalous condition of agricultural labor demands their organization into a union and the lifting of the agricultural exemptions which have excluded these workers from vir-

tually all the protections of federal and state socio-economic legislation enacted during the past 25 years.

(b) Organized labor will intensify its opposition to the importation of foreign labor under conditions assuring growers an unlimited labor supply with which to depress wages and working conditions to such a point that domestic farm workers find it impossible to stay in the industry.

V—SOCIAL SECURITY

(a) Organized labor calls for more realistic benefits and needed improvements in coverage under the federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance program, including health and medical care insurance for retired workers and their dependents.

(b) Organized labor recognizes the urgent need for adequate medical care for all our citizens, which can only be achieved through comprehensive prepaid medical care legislation.

VI—CIVIL RIGHTS

(a) The extension of equal rights and equal opportunities to every phase of American life is a historic task to which organized labor in California is solemnly dedicated.

(b) California labor, in pledging active cooperation to make the new FEP act an effective law, reaffirms its determination to press ahead for the removal of discrimination patterns in housing.

(Concluded next week)

Lincoln budget

During the years he was President, Lincoln never balanced the budget. He worried about the costs of government and the steadily increasing national debt. Lincoln had to choose between conflicting values and he chose the greater ones.

He could have balanced the budget and lost the Union. He could have held down the national debt and perpetuated slavery. And no doubt had he chosen the latter course, he would have been applauded by many solid citizens of that day . . .

I believe it is entirely possible to balance the budget and to make economic progress this year, but as in the case of Lincoln, unforeseen events may make us choose between values. —Sen. George D. Aiken (R., Vt.)

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O'REAR ON T-H SCAB-HERDING

W. T. O'Rear, secretary of the Fresno-Madera Central Labor Council, sends in a copy of a letter he sent to Congressman B. F. Sisk, of Fresno, in which he tells of seeing strikers go back to work because if they had stayed out longer they would, under the Taft-Hartley Act, have lost their right to vote for their union in a representation election the company could have called. O'Rear wrote to Sisk in part:

I hadn't seen anything like it since the depression days of the 30's; the main difference, however, between that time and today is that in the depression days the striker could fight back, today the law prevents their successfully fighting back.

The striking employees had to give up their strike and return to work because it was only a matter of time or a few days until the company would have said to the union in plain ordinary language, "You don't represent the employees anymore, there is a doubt in management's mind that you represent a majority of the employees and the company is filing for a representation election; of course the replacements will have a right to vote and the strikers will not have a right to vote."

That situation caused the striking workers to return to work in order to save the union. A sufficient number of scabs—call them replacements if it sounds better—had been hired to man the plant, and they would have certainly voted the union out.

Members of Congress may talk about labor reform until they go insane but the strike breaking provision in the Taft-Hartley Act must have priority over any other labor reform measure; otherwise any labor reform bill is deceitful and fraudulent.

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OUR STUDENT

If democracy led by America loses in the only Asian country that was tutored in American democratic ways (the Philippines), where else in Asia can America hope to succeed? —Vice President Macapagal of the the Philippines.

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LIP SERVICE

We are giving lip service to it but we are not really stepping up our space program. —David Young, Research Projects Agency spokesman.